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Colorado River Energy Distributors Association

ARIZONA

Arizona Municipal Power Users Association

Arizona Power Authority

Arizona Power Pooling Association

Irrigation and Electrical Districts
Association

Navajo Tribal Utility Authority
(also New Mexico, Utah)

Salt River Project

COLORADO

Colorado Springs Utilities

CORE Electric Cooperative

Holy Cross Energy

Platte River Power Authority

Tri-State Generation & Transmission
Association, Inc.
(also Nebraska, Wyoming, New Mexico)

Yampa Valley Electric
Association, Inc.

NEBRASKA

Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska
(also Colorado, Wyoming)

NEVADA

Colorado River Commission
of Nevada

Silver State Energy Association

NEW MEXICO

Farmington Electric Utility System

Los Alamos County

UTAH

City of Provo

City of St. George

Heber Light & Power

South Utah Valley Electric Service District

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Utah Municipal Power Agency

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Wyoming Municipal Power Agency

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The Honorable Lauren Boebert
United States House of Representatives
1713 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Authorizing Legislation for Upper Colorado River and San Juan River
Endangered Fish Recovery Programs

Dear Representative Boebert:

The Colorado River Energy Distributors Association (CREDA) represents the majority of non-profit power customers of the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP). These customers are purchasers of the carbon-free hydropower produced by hydropower generation of the CRSP. CREDA has participated in the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program and appreciate your support of that Program and the San Juan River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. P.L. 106-392, as amended, which authorizes those Programs, expires on September 30, 2023.

We appreciate your efforts over the last several months to develop legislation reauthorizing the Programs. Our understanding is that your proposed legislation authorizes continued funding for 7 years, with \$50 million for capital projects for the recovery programs and \$70 million for annual funding, both to be provided by appropriations to the Bureau of Reclamation. We encourage introduction of the reauthorizing legislation at the earliest possible date.

The Programs provide Endangered Species Act compliance for 2,500 water projects in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, including the federal CRSP generation facilities, while undertaking activities to promote recovery of four endangered fish species.

We will continue working with your office and other representatives of Colorado River Basin States' delegations to address any issues.

Thank you again for your support of these Programs.

Sincerely,

Leslie James

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